

'NO ACTION TAKEN'

# Dr M slams govt for delay in tabling Anti-Party Hopping Bill

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**AYER KEROH:** Parti Pejuang Tanah Air (Pejuang) chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad took the government to task yesterday over the delay in tabling and implementing the proposed Anti-Party Hopping Bill.

He said the government was instead seeking parliamentary reforms to prevent federal lawmakers who were charged in court from attending meetings in the august house.

"There has been nothing yet on the anti-hopping (bill). This government (probably) likes it if people jump (parties because) this will enable them to have sufficient numbers.

"If there are people who jump only, they (can become prime minister) like (Tan Sri) Muhyiddin (Yassin). If no one jumps, he cannot become a prime minister."

Dr Mahathir, who is Langkawi member of parliament, said this after launching a retreat involving Pejuang members and supporters here yesterday.

He said currently in Parliament, there were not only MPs who were facing charges in court, but also those who had been sentenced.

"We not only have those who have cases (in courts). Even those who have been sentenced are still instructing the government on how to rule a country.

"There is no other country in the world where rogues who have been found guilty can come to meetings and teach the government how to rule.

"Maybe it's because they have experience. Experience in stealing money, in abuse of power and corruption. That's their experience."

On Friday, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Parliament and Law) Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the cabinet had agreed with the proposal to implement parliamentary reforms.

This will see amendments to the Houses of Parliament (Privileges and Powers) Act 1952 containing provisions on whether to prohibit MPs charged in court from attending council activities.

He also said two parliamentary reform proposals agreed by the cabinet last Wednesday were related to the enactment of the Parliamentary Services Act and the Draft Code of Ethics for Members of Parliament.